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For: Magnetic Head Including Recording)
Device And Servo Device, And)
Magnetic Recording Apparatus And)
Magnetic Recording/Reproducing)
Apparatus Including The Magnetic)
Head)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits references A1-A4 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2001-23125 and European Patent No. 1 204 096 disclose that servo elements and recording elements are disposed.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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